

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Sixth Annual Session
OF THE
Tippah Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
September 4, 1918

NEXT SESSION.

PLACE—Pine Grove (B), seven miles north of Hickory Flat.
TIME—Wednesday after first Sunday in September, 1919.
PREACHER—Eld. H. L. Whitten.
ALTERNATE—Eld. J. A. Autry.

OFFICERS.

Elder. W. J. Derrick, Ripley, Miss., ----- Moderator
 J. W. Crump, Blue Mountain, Miss., ----- Clerk
 J. P. Byrd, Blue Mountain, Miss., ----- Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Eld. J. A. Autry, Chairman
 Eld. W. E. Berry
 J. P. Byrd
 A. H. McAlister

Eld. W. T. Lowrey
 J. W. Crump
 J. A. Griffin
 G. W. Deen

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- (1) Call for Petitionary Letters.
- (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- (3) Appoint committees.
- (4) Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
- (5) Select place for next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the sermon.
- (6) Appoint correspondents.
- (7) Call for Reports.
- (8) Elect Executive Board.
- (9) Miscellaneous Business.
- (10) Call roll of Delegates and mark absentees.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Tippah Baptist Association is meeting in its 56th annual session with Pleasant Hill (T) Church, September 4th, 1918.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Eld. W. B. May, text Acts 2:41-47, theme, "The Essentials of Church Growth." Prayer by Eld. J. H. Gadd. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. Eld W. E. Berry, the former Moderator, called the body to order, which body met pursuant to adjournment being called together by singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Prayer by N. T. Tull. Percy Hollis and Skinner Horton were selected as reading clerks. Letters were then read and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Curtis Creek, Falkner, Fellowship, Hunter's Chapel, Lebanon, Lowrey Memorial, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Olive, Macedonia, New Prospect, Palmer, Pine Grove, (B), Pleasant Hill (B), Providence, Shady Grove, Tiplersville, Union, Pleasant Hill, (T).

The Association then proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers. Eld. W. J. Derrick was elected Moderator, J. W. Crump, Clerk and J. P. Byrd, Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that the order of business as printed in minutes of last year be adopted as order of business for this session. Called for petitionary letters. Received letter and delegates seated from Lone Oak. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Recognized N. T. Tull from State Convention Board, P. T. Wilbanks from Tishomingo Association.

The following committees were appointed:

- Education: Eld. W. E. Berry, N. S. Harrison, Percy Hollis.
- Woman's Work: H. P. Biggers, S. O. Welch, J. W. Pitman.
- Obituaries: Eld. J. H. Gadd, J. A. Tomlinson, Gus Duncan.
- Orphanage: L. E. Renick, Marshal Duncan, Gideon Watts.
- Ministerial Relief: W. B. May, W. G. Bennett, G. W. Dickerson.
- Home Missions: Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, Henry Jordan, W. S. Pulliam.
- State Missions: W. B. May, E. T. Dunn, J. D. Campbell.
- Foreign Missions: Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, M. R. Stark, L. G. Bennett.
- Finance: G. W. Deen, J. W. Medlin, B. M. Conner.

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Temperance: W. M. Meeks, J. W. Simpson, L. H. Yates.

Publications: Eld. W. E. Berry, D. Goudy, J. D. Hopper.

Sunday Schools: Skinner Horton, E. C. Fuller, D. L. Murray.

Called for and heard reading of Constitution, Abstract of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

Selected place for next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the sermon. Election results as follows: Pine Grove (B), the place, and Eld. H. L. Whitten, the preacher and Eld. J. A. Autry, Alternate.

Eld. W. J. Derrick was elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention with Eld. W. E. Berry, Alternate. Eld. W. J. Derrick was nominated as member of State Convention. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations by adopting the following resolution: That any member of this body in good standing who shall be present with any other body with which we correspond shall be reorganized as a messenger from this body. Eld. W. E. Berry, W. M. Meeks, M. R. Stark, were selected a committee to prepare a resolution protesting against our government in reference to the withdrawal of army camp pastors which resolution follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the War Department has expressed the purpose of withdrawing the camp pastors from the various cantonments and,

Whereas, such an action would be in our opinion, a violation of the great principle of religious liberty for which our fathers fought and upon which our government is built.

Therefore, Resolved, First, that we, the Tippah Baptist Association, representing more than four thousand Baptists of Tippah and Benton counties, Mississippi, upon this, the first day of the session of 1918, most respectfully and most earnestly protest against that movement and do most humbly beseech the President and Congress of the United States to prevent it.

Resolved, second, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Senators and Congressmen of Mississippi.

W. E. BERRY,
W. M. MEEKS,
M. R. STARK,

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow a. m. Prayer by Percy Hollis.

SECOND DAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1918.

Morning Session, 9 O'clock A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called together by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Devotions led by

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N. T. Tull. Prayer by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough. Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted. Letters were then read and delegates seated from Oakland, Flat Rock.

Call For Reports.

The Report on Obituaries was read by J. W. Crump. Spoken to by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough, M. R. Stark, Eld. W. J. Derrick and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following deaths the past year: Academy, 2; Bethlehem, 1; Curtis Creek, 1; Falkner, 2; Fellowship, 2; Lebanon, 3; Lowrey Memorial, 5; Macedonia, 2; Mt. Hebron, 2; Mt. Moriah, 1; Pine Grove, (B) 4; Pleasant Hill (B) 1; Providence, 2; Shady Grove, 2; Union, 1; Total, 31.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GADD,
J. A. TOMLINSON,
GUS DUNCAN,

Committee.

The Report on Ministerial Relief was read by Eld. W. B. May, and after discussion by Eld. W. E. Berry, N. T. Tull, this report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We, your committee on Ministerial Relief, beg leave to submit the following report:

On examination we find that there is but one, Rev. M. Gillian, that we are helping in this association.

This is one phase of our work that has not had the attention given it that it should have had. We earnestly and prayerfully insist that our pastors and representatives not neglect seeing after this work in their respective churches.

May God's blessings be upon the old veterans of the Cross, and may their last days be their happiest days. is the prayer of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MAY,
W. G. BENNETT,
G. W. DICKERSON,

Committee.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough. Spoken to by himself, Eld. W. J. Derrick, W. E. Berry, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention in session at Hot Springs in May decided that in order to take care of our Foreign Mission work. Southern Baptists should be requested to give One and a Half Million Dollars to this cause before the next meeting of the Convention. Com-

pared with Southern Baptist numbers and wealth, and what they are doing for other objects and what others are doing for Foreign Missions, this amount is small.

The Foreign Mission fields represent a thousand millions of people, the most destitute and needy of all the inhabitants of the earth. The work conducted includes everything that our people and our churches are doing at home. A Million and a Half Dollars for this work will not equal a tenth of what we are doing on the same lines for the thirty odd millions who live in the South, to say nothing of the help which other Christians and denominations are giving to provide religious privileges for the people at home. A Million and a Half Dollars is a great advance upon what we have been doing, and we will have to betstir ourselves to realize it, but it does not measure our full duty in this matter.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping instead of hindering this great enterprise which Southern Baptists are conducting. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields, of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday schools enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools which we are conducting we have enrolled 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. By His blessing upon the work God is inviting us to enlarge it.

Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed. Doors of opportunity are open everywhere.

Every pastor and every church in the association is admonished to lay large plans, organize the forces, and press vigorously the greatest campaign we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. Every Christian in this nation is at this time called distinctly to this international Christian service. This association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the Million and a Half Dollars, and every church should voluntarily increase its contribution proportionately. The amount of increase for the whole South is 75 per cent. We recommend that the churches of the association attempt the same increase.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS, price fifty cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes FREE of charge all tracts for distribution. Order this magazine and these tracts and inform yourself concerning what God is doing through Southern Baptists throughout the world.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

M. R. STARK.

L. G. COSSITT, Committee.

All now were asked to join in singing "Rescue the Perishing." The report on State Missions read by Eld. W. B. May, spoken to by himself and N. T. Tull and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our Saviour said to his Disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto

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me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." From this as well as elsewhere in God's Word we learn that all Missions are one, and put upon an equal basis. No Christian has a right to favor one Mission while opposing another, for "the field is the world." Our Saviour says: "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations," and to do this most effectively we must first establish the work in "Jerusalem and all Judea," and to us this means in all Mississippi. State Missions is basal work. It lies at the foundation of all Missions, and unless we are strong and well supplied at home we can never be strongly aggressive abroad. Any cause, however good, that takes precedence over our State Mission is of place, and is but satisfying its present hunger with the seed corn of the future. A Christian people who neglect their own weak fields are not fit to be trusted with home or foreign missions. If we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love our brother whom we have not seen. By our fruits at home we are judged abroad. It is unwise and unbiblical to lengthen our cords unless we first strengthen our stakes at home.

In Missions as in war, a strong home base is all important. America is powerful abroad because she is strong at home. No country would undertake a foreign war without giving specific attention to home fortifications. In giving to State Missions we are helping all departments of our Missionary work for we thus create that home base so necessary for aggressive work. State Missions help to establish and strengthen our churches from which must come the missionaries and money with which to carry on our work abroad. Compare the amounts received for missions now with former years when we had not as yet established that list of churches from which now comes the ever increasing stream of missionary endeavor. Eight years ago we raised scarcely \$26,000.00 for State Missions, but now lay down at His feet, whose we are and whom we serve, close to \$40,000.00.

Now, according to the statistics gathered by Dr. Tansing Burrow, statistician for the Southern Baptist Convention, there are 172,480 white Baptists, while the negroes report 290,000. This makes 462,000 Baptists in Mississippi. At the same time there are at least 1,600 churches. While in our mission work this year we are keeping in the field 12 general missionaries assisting over 200 churches to pay their pastor, co-operating with the general association and the Home Board in work among the Indians, helping the negroes in their theological work at Jackson, and helping to build thirty houses of worship.

Again we ought to sustain State Missions in an aggressive and ever enlarging work from a patriotic standpoint, from a pure love of ones own people, and righteousness and truth makes the greatest sacrifices to bring the greatest amount of intelligence and integrity, the highest moral development, the best citizenship, the happiest homes and the strongest churches. These are some of the purposes and fruits of our State Mission work. No higher type of patriotism can be displayed than that which supplies ones own people with the Gospel. Our Lord loved Galilee and wept over Jerusalem. True patriotism and the scriptures appeal to every Mississippi Baptist

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to give the pure word of God to every Mississippian for His sake and for the sake of the lost world.

When at the judgment we are called upon to give an account of our stewardship, we should be able to reply: "We found Mississippi occupied by aliens and rebels; we faithfully and boldly lived and preached the truth; in the spirit of our leader, we stormed every fort and captured every fortress of the enemy and brought the entire population of the state into subjection to our Lord." We should be able to say: "We found Mississippi the abode of many errors, heresies and false doctrines, but by help divine we leave the states sacred soil, with a flourishing Baptist church on every hilltop."

W. B. MAY,

E. T. DUNN,

J. D. CAMPBELL,

Committee.

Sang "Nearer My God to Thee." The Report on the Orphanage was read by L. E. Renick. This report was spoken to by himself, Eld. W. E. Berry. Pending this discussion took up a collection for the Orphanage amounting to \$21.12, after which this report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

We, your committee on the Baptist Orphanage, feel that the Lord is in this work which cares for the orphan children. For by many words and deeds He manifests His interests in the children. He gave it as an evidence of pure and undefiled religion to take care of the widow and orphan in their affliction.

This plan of work was established twenty-one years ago and through the wonderful work in behalf of the orphans, up till this time. We have cared for about 900 children in the twenty-one years, many of whom have gone out from the home, and are filling useful positions in the world. Some are Missionaries in the Foreign Fields, some are school teachers, and hundreds of them are standing characters in other work, all of which show the power of the home of which Bro. J. R. Carter is the father.

Our home is supported by voluntary contributions, we have no endowment except the love and loyalty of our people. For we know there are many orphan children who have the pleasure of being a member of this home, which is under the management of Christian people that throw around them the christian influence that trains them morally, and influence almost every one to become a Christian before they leave the home. So we should contribute liberally toward this home which is doing so much for Christ and the up-building of humanity.

We heartily recommend the plan of once a month giving for our Sunday Schools, and a liberal Thanksgiving offering for our churches, and give each member of the churches and Sunday Schools an opportunity to give at these stated occasions, and our orphanage will be comfortably provided for.

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sistance as well as money therefore we would recommend that in addition to the cash contributions we should send boxes of clothes, shoes, hose, hats, caps, in fact all garments children need to wear both summer and winter, and we should also send meat, lard, flour, meal, groceries, canned goods, dried fruit, and all that it takes to make the children happy. We also recommend that our pastors and people exercise great care in sending the children to this home, and sending only those who cannot be cared for in any other way, and pray for God's richest blessings to rest on them and the home.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. E. RENICK,
MARSHAL DUNCAN,
GIDEON WATTS,

Committee.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer was offered, led by Eld. W. B. May.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Prayers led by J. W. Crump. Resumed call for Reports. The report on Home Missions was read by Eld. R. A. Kimbrough.

The terms Home Missions with us means the mission work of the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The terms Home Missions with us means the mission work of Baptist in all the South and in Cuba and Panama Canal Zone. The work is under the direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. B. D. Gray as corresponding secretary.

We raised about \$600,000.00 for this work last year and are out for one million dollars this year. The Board helps in all the states. Also does Mountain Mission school work, work with foreigners, negroes, Indians, and also has 25 evangelists, including one to the deaf and dumb. The Church Building and Loan fund is under direction of this Board and is soon to complete the \$1,000,000 fund. This Home Mission work is one of the big works of our denomination. There were more than 18,000 Baptisms the past year. We also do work on a large scale with our soldier boys in camps and across the sea at the battle front.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Com.

The Report on Education was read by Eld. W. E. Berry. After discussion by himself, Elds. R. A. Kimbrough, W. J. Derrick, W. M. Meeks, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The spirit of education seems to be on the increase. Opportunities for securing an education are now enjoyed which were not offered to the former generation. Public schools are in every neighborhood and high schools almost in every county in the state. Besides the Agricultural High Schools in the bounds of this association, there are the private schools at Blue Mountain for both sexes. Blue Mountain College for girls and Mississippi Heights Academy for boys.

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The denominational schools in the state deserve our patronage and support. Mississippi College at Clinton, Clark Memorial College at Newton and Woman's College at Hattiesburg are doing good work for the Master's Cause.

W. E. BERRY,

N. S. HARRISON,

Committee.

The Report on Publications was read by Eld. W. E. Berry, spoken to by himself, N. T. Tull, and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

What people read has much to do with their character. Parents should see to it that their children read only good literature. Much harm has been done by the cheap papers that flood the mails.

Your committee recommends most heartily the publications of our S. S. Board, the Home and Foreign Fields, a magazine which gives information about our mission work and the Baptist Record, our own denominational paper which ought to be read extensively among the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BERRY,

J. D. HOPPER,

H. D. GOUDY,

Committee.

The Report on Temperance was read by W. M. Meeks, which report was discussed by himself and W. E. Berry and adopted.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The committee is glad to report progress in the great cause of Prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in our nation and in the world. The national amendment to the constitution to prohibit the stuff has been ratified by 14 states and not a single state has yet voted against the amendment. When we get 36 states on the ratifying side we will have it. Bone dry measure for duration of the war, has passed and goes into effect July 1, 1919. The Anti-Saloon League of the nation is the great organization that is now doing the job. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a live wire along this line and we give our hearty endorsement to both these organizations. We call attention to the evil effects of the use of all opiates, narcotics and liquors. We urge the standing up to our officers in the enforcement of the laws against these things of such great harm. We are glad too, of the prohibitive price of the stuff and wish it to go still higher. Hurrah for prohibition!

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. MEEKS,

J. W. SIMPSON,

LIGE ELLIOTT,

Committee.

* The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Skinner Horton, discussed by himself and G. C. Fuller and adopted.

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

As we understand the Sunday school work and looking over the last report we find a considerable improvement in the number of schools in this association. Last year reported only 13 schools out of 32 churches. This year only 13 out of 27 churches have no schools. The order is reversed. However, the great importance of this work demands a greater effort to establish a Sunday School in every Baptist church in this association.

We believe that the Sunday school through the bounds of our association are doing a great work in teaching the word of God and developing our young Christians, and in teaching the way of life to the unconverted.

But it is a lamentable fact that we haven't a Sunday School in every church and so few of our older Christians take an active part in the work. It seems to us that our greatest need is for more of our older church members to become interested in the work and devote some of their time and energy preparing themselves as teachers so that they will be able to lead and to maintain an interest that will make our Sunday Schools worth while and a joy for all those who attend.

Therefore, we would urge upon all the delegates and messengers to this association as we go back to our respective churches that we put forth greater efforts to build up and maintain an evergreen Sunday School in our church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. HORTON,
G. C. FULLER,

Committee.

The Report on Finance was read by B. M. Conner and approved.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following amounts for minutes: Academy, \$2.50; Ashland, \$1.00; Bethlehem, -1.00; Beulah, —; Bluff Springs, -1.10; Canaan, \$1.50; Curtis Creek, 30c; Dumas, —; Falkner, \$1.35; Fellowship, \$1.00; Flat Rock, \$2.10; Harmony, 55c; Hickory Flat, \$1.50; Hunter's Chapel, —; Lebanon, 50c; Lowrey Memorial, \$10.00; Lone Oak, \$1.55; Macedonia, \$1.25; Mt. Hebron, \$1.60; Mt. Olive, 60c; Mt. Moriah, \$2.00; New Hope, —; New Prospect, \$1.00; Oakland, 75c; Palemr, \$1.50; Pine Grove, (B), \$3.35; Pine Grove, (T) —; Pleasant Hill (B), \$1.55; Pleasant Hill, (T), 1.00; Providence, \$3.54; Ripley, \$5.00; Shady Grove, \$1.50; Tiptersville, \$1.50; Union, \$4.88; Union Hill, —; TOTAL, \$52.09.

The old Executive Board was re-elected by acclamation.

Miscellaneous Business.

Dumas church was retained though not represented.
Eld. R. A. Kimbrough was asked to get funds to pay way of delegate to S. B. C.

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Resolutions.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolved, 1st—That the hearty thanks of Tippah Baptist Association are hereby extended to the Pleasant Hill church and the people of the community for the splendid manner in which the Association has been entertained.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be bountifully bestowed upon this church and community.

2nd—We extend to our able and impartial Moderator, Eld. W. J. Derrick, our sincere thanks for his splendid services in presiding over the Association. Also to Brother J. W. Crump, our excellent clerk, for his efficient services in keeping the record; and brother A. A. Graham for keeping our accounts. Our thanks are also extended to Committeemen and others who labored with us to make this meeting of our Association a success.

3rd—That the clerk be instructed to superintend printing and distribution of the Minutes and to retain \$10 for his services.

Call roll and mark absentees.

Minutes of the day read, corrected and adopted. Adjourned, joined in singing "There is a Land Fairer Than Day," during which each extended the parting hand. Closing prayer by Eld. W. E. Berry.

W. J. DERRICK, Moderator.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Astry,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. C. Barnes,	Hickory Flat, Miss.
W. E. Berry	Blue Mountain, Miss.
L. F. Carmichael,	Ripley, Miss.
P. W. Caviness,	Falkner, Miss.
J. T. Cox,	Hickory Flat, Miss.
E. B. Crump,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
H. L. Davis,	Rt. 3, Ripley, Miss.
W. J. Derrick,	Ripley, Miss.
E. J. Eubanks,	Rt. 2, Walnut, Miss.
M. Gillean,	Ashland, Miss.
W. E. Houston,	Rt. 3, Ashland, Miss.
W. M. Jones,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. T. Lowrey,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. B. May,	Blue Mountain, Miss.
W. G. Thompson,	Blue Mountain, Miss.

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 W. A. Whittle, ----- Blue Mountain, Miss.
 J. H. Gadd, ----- Rt. 2, Blue Mountain, Miss.
 Norris Palmer, ----- Blue Mountain, Miss.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

Article 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members.

Article 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointment and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

Article 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members, and then one for every fifty over that number.

Article 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered dropped by the Association.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Article 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

Article 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Article 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for domestic and foreign missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Article 10. If any church shall have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Article 11. When the churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, and the con-

stitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Article 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

Article 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Article 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Article 15. The Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer of prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by emersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him and that there are but two officers in the church—the elder, or pastor, and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

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11. We believe in the New Testament doctrine of Missions. That the great commission given to the disciples of Christ before his ascension, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, is obligatory upon the disciples of every generation; that the chief business of a church in the world is to give the Gospel to the world; that it is the solemn duty and the exalted privilege of the believer to extend the Master's kingdom by prayer, by personal effort and by the giving of money to the propagation of the Gospel throughout the world.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in the future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division is made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of mover and Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church, without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of the members shall be called when the Association

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tion shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made by these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Union Hill	603.77	300.00	38.18	65.13	45.82	5.00	10.00	5.23	9.46	57.00	1052.90
Tippleville	150	25.00	19.55	15.30	19.55	5.00	10.00				26.00
Shady Grove	15.00	100.00	19.55	15.30	19.55	5.00	10.00				184.40
Ripley	3.54	200.00	3.26	49.70	57.46		9.00	5.23	9.46	57.00	394.65
Providence	1.00										1.00
Pleant Hill (T)	1.55	50.00	3.35	4.00	4.00						

CONTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES	Church Expenses	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan- age	S. S. Ex- penses	Ministe- rial Re.	Ministe- rial Ed.	Other Be- nevolence	Aggre- gate
Academy	\$ 26.90	\$ 125.00	\$ 39.05	\$ 40.45	\$ 49.75	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 14.00		\$ 347.15
Ashland	101.00		20.00		20.00	10.00					65.00
Bethlehem		100.00	11.10	4.50	18.00	.33		.06		.18	101.00
Beulah	2.80	75.00	2.71	2.56	2.71					8.50	143.60
Bluff Springs		75.00									86.35
Canaan	.30	50.00	10.35								83.50
Curtis Creek											60.65
Dumas		150.00	20.00							65.00	237.05
Falkner	1.35	125.00		8.25	9.00		6.00			24.86	188.36
Fellowship	32.50	125.00		16.10			3.05			25.45	177.85
Flat Rock	2.10	125.00		12.79	12.79	8.25	25.00			40.00	141.65
Harmony	.55	125.00	17.25								253.58
Hickory Flat	12.50										10.00
Hunter's Chapel				3.50			2.75	26.06	14.05	13.54	683.68
Lebanon	.50	50.00	8.00	697.81	411.92	97.01	88.82			49.70	3681.21
Lone Oak	608.79	1346.50	185.45	38.50	47.10	45.00		.32		10.60	187.65
Lowrey Mem'l	763.89		55.05	11.99	5.04	19.30					200.64
Macedonia	2.00	125.00	7.43								73.65
Mt. Hebron	20.96	50.00	6.90								16.50
Mt. Olive	16.75		14.50								
Mt. Moriah	2.00										
New Hope				2.90	5.75			5.00			92.50
New Prospect	1.00	75.00	2.85	.25	.25						93.65
Oakland	15.15	75.00	3.00		13.40					50.00	125.30
Pine Grove (B)	19.35	75.00	17.55				14.70				141.70
Pine Grove (T)											62.90
Palmer	1.50	75.50	3.35	4.00	4.00						1.00
Plea'nt Hill (B)	1.55	50.00								57.00	394.65
Plea'nt Hill (T)	1.00										
Providence	3.54	200.00	3.26	49.70	57.46	5.00	9.00	5.23	9.46		184.40
Ripley											26.00
Shady Grove	15.00	100.00	19.55	15.30	19.55		10.00				1052.90
Triplersville	1.50	25.00									
Union	603.77	300.00	38.18	65.13	45.82						
Union Hill											

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Churches	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education
Balance last year	\$ 15.75	\$ 22.75	\$160.21	\$ 12.29		
Academy	49.75	40.45	42.45	6.75	1.25	.75
Bluff S. S.				6.01		
Ashland	20.00	20.00	30.00			
Bethlehem						
Beulah	15.96	4.50	28.71			
Bluff Springs						
Canaan			8.20			
Curtis Creek			10.35			
Dumas	2.25					
Falkner	17.25	10.00	30.70			
Fellowship						
Flat Rock	5.00	12.25				
Harmony						
Hickory Flat	13.00	12.58				
Lebanon			9.50			
Lowrey Memorial	249.82	152.48	69.26	68.26	26.06	14.05
" " W. M. U.	159.90	522.65	87.67	28.75		
" " S. S.	19.20	17.68	23.52			
Lone Oak			8.00			
Macedonia						
Mt. Hebron	47.10	38.50	56.30	2.00		
Mt. Olive			3.75			
Mt. Moriah			6.90			
New Hope			26.25			
New Prospect			28.05			
Pine Grove			11.50			
Pleasant Hill (B)	13.40	7.50	15.20			
Pleasant Hill (T)			11.35			
Providence			1.00			
Sandy Springs			32.15			
Ripley				1.36		
Shady Grove						
Union	22.55	18.30	19.55			
Union Hill						
Pine Grove (T)						
Tirlersville						
Oakland			3.50			
Hunter's Chapel				21.37		
General Collection	\$650.93	\$879.64	\$724.06	\$146.79	\$ 27.31	\$ 14.80
Paid J. B. Lawrence	\$650.93	\$879.64	\$724.06	\$144.79	\$ 27.31	
Balance				\$ 2.00		\$ 14.80

Ministerial Relief	Ministerial Education
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

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Churches	Delegates	Pastor	Clerk	Clerk's Postoffice	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion		Deaths	
					2	4			2	2	133	
		W. E. Berry	C. W. Barkley	Cotton Plant		2			1	1	101	
		Have none	W. T. Renick	Ashland	6	6					64	
		H. L. Whitten	L. P. Stroup	Ashland	6	1	1	6	1		104	
1 Academy	None present.	W. B. May	Jno. Miller	Myrtle	13			6			113	
2 Ashland S	A. S. Kidd, W. S. Pulliam, E. M. Pulliam	W. B. May	W. T. Webb	Ashland				6			64	
3 Bethlehem	Van Talbot, Lee Childers, Ira Whitehorn	H. L. Whitten	L. A. Doyle	Canaan				2			47	
4 Beulah	None present	H. L. Whitten	S. N. Dickerson	Ashland	1	2	1	2		1		
5 Bluff Springs	Henry Jordan, Albert McMullen, Elijah Elliott	H. L. Whitten										
6 Canaan	J. T. Morgan			Falkner	9					2	254	
7 Curtis Creek	G. W. Dickerson, J. W. Simpson	E. J. Eubanks	Gideon Watts	Ripley						2	159	
8 Dumas	None present	I. P. Randolph	A. L. Garrison	Hickory Flat	10			2			147	
9 Falkner	J. H. Pearce, B. M. Conner, A. L. Conner, L. S. Welch	J. A. Autry	L. G. Cossitt	Walnut	3		1	6		2	175	
10 Fellowship S	J. W. Medlin	A. L. Spencer	J. N. Wilbanks	Hickory Flat	3			5	1	1	107	
11 Flat Rock S	L. G. Cossitt	J. A. Autry	J. B. Bright		1					2	9	
12 Harmony	None present	J. H. Needham	Clay Cagle						1	3	55	
13 Hickory Flat	Not represented	Have none	L. H. Yates	Potts Camp	21	5	1				39	
14 Hunter's Chapel	None present	J. H. Gadd	B. Hunsucker	Blue Mountain	55	56		55		5	595	
15 Lebanon	H. L. Davis, L. H. Yates	RA Kimbrough	A. M. Donnell	Blue Mountain		2	1	5		2	127	
16 Lonoke S	G. C. Fuller, Luther Shelton	W. E. Berry	H. P. Biggers									
17 Lowrey Memorial S	R. A. Kimbrough	E. J. Eubanks	J. V. Keith	Walnut	5				4		121	
18 Macedonia S	W. G. Bennett, H. D. Goudy	B. L. Crawford	W. L. Scott	Ripley						1	92	
19 Mt. Hebron	T. F. Brown, B. T. Dunn, J. H. McCoy, A. H. Keith, Miss Dora Martindale	Have none	M. R. Stark	Ripley						1	111	
20 Mt. Olive	I. H. Robison										*96	
21 Mt. Moriah	M. R. Stark, Marshall Duncan	H. L. Whitten	E. G. Whithorn	Saulsbery, Tenn.	1	2			2	1	112	
22 New Hope	Not represented	W. B. May	J. D. Campbell	Saulsbery, Tenn.	6						70	
23 New Prospect	I. W. Pitman, J. A. Edge	Norris Palmer	J. D. Martin	Ripley	36	9	1		8	4	62	
24 Oakland S	I. D. Campbell, Lizzie Janes, Arra Stewart	J. A. Autry	J. M. Renick	Hickory Flat	21						215	
25 Palmer S	N. S. Harrison, Oscar Murry										*78	
26 Pine Grove (B) S	J. H. Gadd, L. E. Renick	W. E. Houston	W. C. Spencer	Ashland	2	2			2	1	86	
27 Pine Grove (T)	Not represented	F. J. Eubanks	M. F. Duncan	Ripley	4	1			2		69	
28 Pleasant Hill (B)	S. H. Simpson	W. J. Derrick	Bob Ray	Tiplersville					7	2	150	
29 Pleasant Hill (T)	G. A. Smith, W. E. McDowell										2	
30 Providence S	I. D. Hopper, J. S. Horton, J. A. Tomlinson	J. A. Autry	W. C. Hobson	Ripley	11	2			2		148	
31 Ripley	W. J. Derrick, Mrs. W. J. Derrick	J. H. Heath	O. T. Horton	Tiplersville	13	9			4	1	47	
32 Shady Grove S	None present	W. J. Derrick	W. P. Hollis	Walnut							206	
33 Tiplersville	Geo. Hopper, W. L. Smith										*45	
34 Union S	W. M. Meeks, W. P. Hollis											
35 Union Hill	Not represented											
TOTALS					219	13		6	86	5	34	2511

* Number last reported.

S Churches marked thus have a Sunday School.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

This body was organized at Ripley, Mississippi, on October 27, 1860, with the following churches:
Mt. Comfort, Hopewell, Beulah, Canaan, Macedonia, Pleasant Hill (T), Ripley, Union and Zion Hill.

No.	Year	Place	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer	Chairman Ex.	Preacher
1860	1	Ripley	A. Godwin	J. E. Rogers	S. R. Spight	W. E. Berry	Ambros Ray
1861	2	Beulah	A. Godwin	J. E. Rogers	S. R. Spight		
1863	3	Canaan	A. Godwin	J. E. Rogers	S. R. Spight		
1866	4	Union	M. P. Lowrey	J. E. Rogers	H. Garrett	J. M. McDonald	A. G. Parrott
1867	5	Pleasant Hill (B)	Ambrose Ray	J. E. Rogers	H. Garrett	J. M. McDonald	A. G. Parrott
1868	6	Ripley	M. P. Lowrey	J. E. Rogers	H. Garrett	J. M. McDonald	A. G. Parrott
1869	7	Pleasant Hill (T)	M. P. Lowrey	J. E. Rogers	H. Garrett	J. M. McDonald	A. G. Parrott
1870	8	Unity	A. G. Parrott	J. E. Rogers	J. F. Guyton	J. M. McDonald	L. P. Cossitt
1871	9	Academy	A. G. Parrott	J. E. Rogers	J. F. Guyton	J. M. McDonald	A. G. Parrott
1872	10	Flat Rock	A. G. Parrott	N. S. Watson	J. F. Guyton	J. M. McDonald	M. P. Lowrey
1873	11	Harmony	A. G. Parrott	Thos. Spight	J. F. Guyton	J. M. McDonald	J. W. Skinner
1874	12	Beulah	A. G. Parrott	Thos. Spight	J. F. Guyton	Thos. Spight	J. W. Skinner
1875	13	Mt. Moriah	M. P. Lowrey	Thos. Spight	J. F. Guyton	Thos. Spight	J. M. P. Lowrey
1876	14	Canaan	M. P. Lowrey	Thos. Spight	J. F. Guyton	L. Ball	L. Ball
1877	15	Chewalla	M. P. Lowrey	Thos. Spight	J. F. Guyton	L. Ball	L. Ball
1878	16	Fellowship	M. P. Lowrey	O. F. Ray	J. F. Guyton	L. Ball	L. P. Cossitt
1879	17	New Hope	M. P. Lowrey	O. F. Ray	J. F. Guyton	L. Ball	L. Ball
1880	18	Union	M. P. Lowrey	W. O. Rutherford	J. F. Guyton	L. Ball	W. E. Berry
1881	19	Blue Mountain	L. Ball	W. O. Rutherford	J. F. Guyton	L. Ball	W. E. Berry
1882	20	Ashland	M. P. Lowrey	W. O. Rutherford	J. F. Guyton	W. E. Berry	M. P. Lowrey
1883	21	Ripley	M. P. Lowrey	W. O. Rutherford	J. F. Guyton	W. E. Berry	H. M. Long
1884	22	Providence	M. P. Lowrey	W. O. Rutherford	C. J. Frederick	W. E. Berry	E. L. Wesson
1885	23	New Prospect	L. P. Cossitt	J. W. Crump	C. J. Frederick	W. E. Berry	J. E. Buchanan
1886	24	Clear Creek	L. P. Cossitt	J. W. Crump	J. J. Guyton	W. E. Berry	W. G. Thompson
1887	25	Bluff Springs	L. P. Cossitt	J. W. Crump	WHM Durham	W. E. Berry	J. H. Shackelford
1888	26	Canaan	W. G. Thompson	J. W. Crump	WHM Durham	W. E. Berry	G. W. Floyd
1889	27	Beulah	W. G. Thompson	J. W. Crump	WHM Durham	W. E. Berry	W. M. Gadd
1890	28	Fellowship	L. P. Cossitt	J. W. Crump	J. S. Gillentine	W. E. Berry	M. Gillean
1891	29	Oaklimer	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	W. T. Lowrey
1892	30	Falkner	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	J. N. McMillen
1893	31	Shady Grove	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1894	32	Union	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1895	33	Ripley	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1896	34	Blue Mountain	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1897	35	Pleasant Hill (B)	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1898	36	Shady Grove	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1899	37	Ashland	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1900	38	Beulah	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1901	39	Providence	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1902	40	Mt. Moriah	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1903	41	Pine Grove	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1904	42	Academy	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1905	43	Flat Rock	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1906	44	Canaan	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1907	45	Fellowship	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1908	46	Beulah	J. A. Autry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1909	47	New Hope	J. A. Autry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1910	48	Shady Grove	J. A. Autry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1911	49	Macedonia	J. A. Autry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1912	50	New Prospect	J. A. Autry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1913	51	Mt. Hebron	H. L. Whitten	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1914	52	Academy	H. L. Whitten	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1915	53	Mt. Olive	H. L. Whitten	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1916	54	Ashland	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1917	55	Ripley	W. E. Berry	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence
1918	56	Pleasant Hill (T)	W. J. Derrick	J. W. Crump	J. N. McMillen	W. E. Berry	St. C. Lawrence

